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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC - DUTCH RESOLUTION FOR RESTRUCTURING UN SYSTEM

- 1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON "A NEW UN STRUCTURE FOR GLOBAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION," WE WONDER ABOUT THE WISDOM OF THE DUTCH INITIATIVE IN CIRCULATING A RESOLUTION FOR THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AT THIS EARLY DATE.
- 2. WE HAVE BEEN INCLINED TO THINK THAT THE COMPLEXITY AND COMPREHENSIVE CHARACTER OF THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS, THE SHORTNESS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION, AND THE PRIMARY INTEREST OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SUBSTANTIVE ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES WOULD HAVE THE COMBINED EFFECT OF IMPELLING THE SPECIAL SESSION TOWARD REMANDING THE REPORT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE RECOMMENDA-

TIONS AND PROPOSE LATER SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTING STEPS. SUCH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE WOULD RESEMBLE THE ONE ENVISIONED BY THE DUTCH IN PARAGRAPHS 8 THROUGH 100F THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION, EXCEPT THAT WE HAD BEEN THINKING OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN ORDER TO AVOID THE OLD UN NUMBERS GAME. THE DUTCH RESOLUTION ALSO APPEARS TO GIVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE A SHORTER PERIOD FOR CONSULTATION

AND REPORTING THAN WE HAD IN MIND. WE WERE THINKING ABOUT A REPORT TIMED TO ALLOW THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DECIDE ON SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTING STEPS.

3. IN SUM, WE THINK THE DUTCH EFFORT, ALTHOUGH GENERALLY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, IS PREMATURE BY AT LEAST A MONTH IN TERMS OF PRE-SPECIAL SESSION DISCUSSION AND IS FORE-SHORTENED IN THE ACTION IT CALLS FOR. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST USDEL ADOPT A FAVORABLY NONCOMMITAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE DUTCH EFFORT WHILE WATCHING CLOSELY REACTIONS OF OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS. PLEASE REPORT LATTER PROMPTLY TO DEPARTMENT AND USUN. KISSINGER

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